

overcomes the nights: may we
prevail (over him)
who is not a donor of the oblations
that are due,
(AGNI), to thee, and do thou,
(swift) as a horse, be
the destroyer of the foes assailing
(us).

6. Thou overspreadest, AGNI,
heaven and earth with
radiance, like the sun with his
lustrous rays: the won-
derful AGNI disperses the glooms like
the adored (sun)
moving on his path, imbued with
light.

7. We celebrate thee, who art
most adorable, with
sacred praises:¹ hear, AGNI, our
laudation: the
leaders (of rites) earnestly honour
thee with offerings,
thee who art divine like INDRA,
and like ViYU in
strength.

8. Quickly conduct us, AGNI, by
unmolested paths,
to riches and prosperity: (convey
us) beyond sin:
those delights which thou givest to
thine adorers (ex-
tend) to him who (now) glorifies
thee, and may we,
living for a hundred winters, and
blessed with excel-
lent posterity, be happy.

SUKTA V. (V.)

The Deity, *Rishi*, and metre as
before.

1. I invoke thee, AGNI, the son of
strength, the
youthful, the irreproachable, the
very young; thee
who art wise, the sought of many,
the merciful, who
bestowest treasures acceptable to
all.

¹ *Arkatokaik, prasasyair diptikaranaik utotraik*,
with excellent illustrating praises, or it may be an epithet
of *Agni* with *yulita* understood, endowed with, or possessed of,
excellent radiance; *praforya&r diptibhir yuktam agnim:*
Makidkara ^
Yajur-Veda, 33.13., explains it *arkavat swahante*,
which shine like the sun; and hence *arhasokaih* means, he

says,
with prayers.

mantraih,